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Pat,

Have you seen this? My words and sentiment have been twisted so badly that it's to the point where they are making false statements about what I said!

The author of this memorandum is committing a crime by hand picking small phrases and comments out of the broader context of the interview which obviously destroys the reader's ability to comprehend the true meaning of my statements. The author is dramatically twisting my words for the purpose of meeting his ends.

I'm astonished! I'm dumbfounded!

This is destroying my well deserved good name and reputation. It is also attacking my ethics, procurement integrity, and business judgment. All of which are upstanding and highly regarded! It seems to me I would be well served in consulting with a private attorney in order to protect the previously mentioned assets, which are PRICELESS.

How very very disturbing that something like this can happen in this country that I love and believe in. I am an honest citizen and hard working, talented professional who has dedicated my life to civil service in dedication to the American people. I possess impeccable procurement integrity and excellent business judgment. I remain immensely PROUD of the work I did on the Sun Microsystems contract because I know beyond a shadow of a doubt that every action I took was in the best interest of the Government and the American taxpayer - of which I am one!

To think that actual Congresspeople would level these charges against me brings tears to my eyes and a squeeze on my heart.

It is shattering my image of the American electorate as people who stand up for what is right, do the right thing, and most certainly protect honest conscientious public servants. I lived in Northern Virginia for many years

and the U.S. Capitol was always my favorite place to take visitors. I love what I thought it stood for. Now I don't know what I will think the next time I see it. Who would have thought that doing my job, going the extra mile, and taking a stand for what is right would lead to this? I am honored and proud to serve my country in the capacity of Contracting Officer. I am proud of the warrant that hangs on my wall. And I am supremely confident that I perform my job with utmost integrity in an honorable, truthful, level-headed, sensible, quality oriented, professional manner that serves the public very well.

This is unjust and unfair! How ironic that the very people who are accusing me of having poor integrity are themselves the ones who possess poor integrity. I believe that there is a term for this very behavior used by mental health professionals; it is called psychology projection. The encyclopedia defines it as follows: psychological projection (or projection bias) is a defense mechanism in which one attributes ("projects") to others, one's own unacceptable or unwanted thoughts or/and emotions. Projection reduces anxiety by allowing the expression of the unwanted subconscious impulses/desires without letting the ego recognize them. It's time for this Congressional Committee to do its job right and they can start by not attacking good people.

I will not just sit back and accept these unjust and undeserved insults. I will fight this to the bitter end for myself and for every average, honest American citizen.

Shana

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